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Dear Roger,

Re: Letter to Honorable William Casey, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, dated February 12, 1981, from Chief, Surveys and Investigations Staff, House Appropriations Committee

As set forth in referenced communication, the Surveys and Investigations Staff has been directed to conduct a study regarding the foreign language programs of the various departments and agencies of the intelligence community.

The study will address but not be limited to the following major points:

- 1. Review of the foreign language programs of your organization.
- Adequacy of initial language training and follow-on proficiency training.
- 3. Cost effectiveness of linguistic training programs.
- 4. Linguistic requirements of your activity to include current and projected requirements and shortfalls.
- Adequacy of programs designed to promote retention of linguists.
- 6. Capabilities of tactical linguists under your command.
- 7. Effect of the shortage of qualified linguists on the capability to adequately process information collected.

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The Investigative Staff will wish to visit various activities under your command. Specific activities and itineraries will be submitted to you for coordination, along with a list of specific questions we wish to pose to each activity.

In addition to briefings on specific topics, the Investigative Staff requests all briefing activities prepare supporting "position or information papers." These papers should cover all aspects of a given question or area of interest and be of sufficient detail to enable the reader to be well informed without resorting to additional explanations or briefings. These information papers should be available for the visiting teams perusal upon their arrival at a given location.

The Investigative Staff will also require copies of all viewgraphs, scripts, and documentation. In view of the limited time available to complete this inquiry, it would be appreciated if classified data not provided directly to the Investigative Staff at the time of the briefing be furnished in a timely manner.

If you require further information in this matter, please contact me in Room 1E836, Pentagon, or telephone (202) 697-9371.

Sincerely,

William T. Fleshman, Jr.

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